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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)
WITHOUT FILING FEE OR EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Atty. Dkt. 2380-207

Date: February 8, 2001



Sir:

This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RELEASING CONNECTIONS IN AN ACCESS NETWORK

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- ☒ An abstract together with
21 pages of specification and claims including
45 numbered claims and also attached are
11 sheets of accompanying drawings.

☐ This application is based on the following prior foreign application(s):

| Application No. | Country | Filing Date |
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respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

☒ This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s):

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| 60/183,325 | February 18, 2000 |
| 60/184,327 | February 23, 2000 |

respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

This application is a ☐ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed
Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application is a ☐ continuation/☐ division/
☐ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by
reference in this application.--

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, filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee.

Also attached: ☒ Information Disclosure Statement / PTO-1449 / 1 reference; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐

Other:

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